

DRE Fact Sheet

Direct Recording Electronic Touch Screen Voting Machines

All DRE's used in Virginia ...

- √ *Are FEC qualified and comply with federal standards¹*
- √ *Have been reviewed by three independent testing authorities*
- √ *Are certified by the Virginia State Board of Elections*
- √ *Are user friendly and intuitive*
- √ *Provide access for visually impaired and blind voters*
- √ *Provide access for mobility impaired and palsied voters*
- √ *Provide a voter verifiable summary screen*
- √ *Retain a [printable] image of each ballot (randomized for privacy)*
- √ *Store vote totals in multiple redundant locations*
- √ *Contain a complete [printable] audit log of all activity*
- √ *Provide a battery backup system in the event of power failure*

DRE's ...

- √ *Are faster and more accurate than paper based systems*
- √ *Are less susceptible to tampering or abuse than paper systems*
- √ *Provide ballot secrecy and access for voters with disabilities*

Touch screen technology ...

- √ *Is not new - only new to voting*
- √ *Has been proven safe and reliable*
- √ *Is used in numerous applications including airports, retail stores, banks and restaurants*

¹ Federal Election Commission Voting Machines Standards: <http://www.fec.gov/pages/vssfinal/vss.html>